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From the PRESIDENT



On January 12, I welcomed both students and faculty “back” following an unexpected snow day. Our most beautiful place became even more dazzling with the blanket of white that added peace and “newness.”

The past 11 months have been difficult. I continue to be inspired, though not surprised, by the way the ICC family has come together to protect each other, both inside and outside of the classroom since we resumed on-campus living, learning and working months ago.

When the pandemic started last March, planning for the true unknown over the following months proved difficult. Through collaborative work, we were able to seamlessly adapt to virtual learning while maintaining the focus on academic integrity.

Our administration focused on asking how we could make something happen instead of cancelling it or saying no. Every decision we make is centered around our students. Innovative Student Activities-sponsored opportunities, continuation of ICC Athletics and student performances have allowed for a sense of normalcy in a not-so-normal world. In addition, the College implemented invasive contact tracing of both students and employees, which kept infection numbers to a minimum, enabling us to play a significant role in combatting COVID-19.

Reflecting on all of these positives and the dedication by all of our ICC family, 2020 was a success for ICC despite the global pandemic. Just as that blanket of snow promises unlimited opportunities, a fresh start and new beginnings, we start the spring semester with hope.

Thank you for your continuing connection with ICC. Happy New Year!

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NEW RESIDENCE HALL



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JERRY ROBBINS

Although our region was affected by a global pandemic during most of 2020, Itawamba Community College continues to grow and prosper. A groundbreaking ceremony for a 276-bed residence hall on the Fulton Campus will ensure that future students have an inviting "home away from home." The formal opening of the new soccer complex for which its "front door" is a repurposed facility that was donated a few years ago by First American National Bank is a visual reminder that ICC cares enough about its student-athletes to provide top-notch accommodations.

New scholarships that have been endowed during the past year will make it possible for students to attend college for the first time or to return to one of our three locations for their best start after time away from the classroom.

Your generous donations transform their dreams into reality, which would not be possible without your support through the ICC Foundation, Inc. It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution to "give back" to ICC, the place many of us still call home. It's an opportunity for our legacy to live on through the lives of those students who will utilize scholarships to provide a better life and future through a career they never dreamed possible.

I am both excited and humbled to serve as the new president of the Foundation board. We encourage your support, both personally and financially. It will be the most worthwhile investment ever.



GROUND*breaking*

NEW RESIDENCE HALL

If everything goes according to plan, in the fall of 2022, Itawamba Community College students will move in to a new 72,000-square-foot, three-story residence hall at the Fulton Campus.

The facility will have 246 beds, customizable halls/wings for separated male and female occupancy and two efficiency apartments as well as one for the hall director. The spacious first floor lobby will also feature study rooms for residents. There will be improved parking lots and a safer pedestrian sidewalk to Sheffield Hall and a safer crosswalk to connect residents to the campus.

“This residence hall will provide an opportunity for 246 additional students to experience the total college with on-campus housing,” said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. “We express our appreciation to our Board of Trustees for their leadership and foresight to proceed

with this much-needed project.” Housing Director Chad Case said that the facility will enable more students to participate in extracurricular activities. “Students who live on campus complete more credit hours and have higher grade point averages, become more engaged with the campus community, demonstrate higher level of student development and interpersonal self-esteem, persist and graduate and enjoy easy access to campus resources.”

Members of the president’s cabinet, Board of Trustees and other VIP guests joined Allen in the ceremonial turning of the dirt, which was moved inside a tent due to rain from Hurricane Zeta.





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ICC formally opened its soccer complex at the Fulton Campus with a ribbon cutting on a cold Oct. 30.

The building, which was donated to ICC by First American National Bank several years ago, has been repurposed into a facility that includes a lobby, separate locker rooms for the men's and women's teams, a shared meeting space, training room and a laundry room. There are also entrances for each team to access the field and mud rooms to store their soccer cleats. Both teams have storage rooms, and there is a restroom in the lobby where game officials can change clothes before and after games.

With the addition of volleyball to ICC's list of intercollegiate sports, the staff began work on a preliminary design to free locker room space in the

Davis Event Center to accommodate the new team as well as visiting players.

"The formal opening of this signature building is another example of why ICC's facilities are the best anywhere," said ICC's Athletic Director Carrie Ball-Williamson. "It will enable our coaches to recruit some of the best players because it serves as a visual reminder that ICC cares enough about our student-athletes to provide top-notch accommodations. At ICC we take pride in our student-athletes – 17 of our soccer players earned MACCC academic honors in the spring. Our investment in all of our student-athletes, such as this facility, is an investment in their future, one that will reap significant dividends for many years to come."

A SOCCER





Jennie Witt Mounce

ADULT LEARNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Mounce grew up in Ecru, which he describes as a small town. He went to Ecru High School, where there was no football team.

He said he always liked football, and he wanted to play at a junior college. And so began the road that led him to Itawamba Junior College and ultimately to a close connection that continues today.

“I talked to (head football) coach Dudley Miller, and he invited me to walk on, as a lot of players did at that time,” Mounce said. Walking on led to a two-year scholarship to IJC, which Mounce said equipped him to earn additional degrees as well as for life.

Jennie Witt lived in Pontotoc. She said that she thought that she wanted to be a teacher, and she had planned to go to college somewhere else. She changed her mind, and instead, enrolled at IJC. Subsequently, she married Jim Mounce, went to Ole Miss, taught one year and substituted “just to keep my foot in the door.” Being an educator today, especially during a pandemic, is much different from what she learned and practiced. Her first grade granddaughter has been doing ZOOM learning every day, which definitely wasn’t the norm during her teaching career. “It would be very difficult to be an educator today,” she said.

The Mounces never forgot their roots, which ran deep in Pontotoc County. As a result, they have established the Jennie Witt Mounce Adult Learner Endowed Scholarship, which is awarded to an elementary education major 21 years of age or older who must have completed 30 hours at ICC and maintain an overall 2.5 grade point average. The first selection preference is for Pontotoc County students, and second, Lee County.

Collectively, the Mounces' life journey took them to Fulton to Ole Miss to Tupelo and to Omaha, Nebraska where he was chief financial officer, chief operating officer and president/CEO of Woodmen of the World Insurance Company. He connected again with ICC's Foundation when he retired in 2008.

Mounce sees his current service on the Foundation board as an opportunity to give back. "I recognize how important ICC was to me and is to other students."

Both Mounces know first-hand the need for a solid educational foundation.

"That's why we chose to establish this scholarship for adult learners," Jennie Mounce said. "We have many fond memories, and we recognize just how important education is. It is important to provide a way for adults to go to college." The Mounces said that they personally know the stories of many who started to college years after high school, after they started families.

"It's simply a way of giving back," Jim Mounce said. "Fundraising and scholarships go hand-in-hand. Many have financial need, and it is a way to help students continue their education."

He emphasizes the importance of junior/community colleges because a lot of students aren't ready to go to senior institutions just out of high school. It is their first step. "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at ICC," Mounce said. "I learned that you get out of something what you put in."

Mounce later earned advanced degrees and a juris doctorate, but he never forgot the lessons he learned on the football field and as a student at IJC. He learned how to learn and how to participate, especially in student government. "Football is truly a team sport," he continued. "You learn to respect the talent and dedication of your fellow players. You learn to listen to other people and surround yourself with the best people possible." He has carried these lessons with him.

As for ICC in 2021 vs. when the Mounces attended, they agree that it's "more conducive for learning. It was great then, but much better today...It looked like a high school then but looks like a college now," Jennie Mounce said.

Supporting ICC is vital, both noted. "It is very important to us," Jennie Mounce explained. "We had two great years, went on from here, and we would encourage anyone to give." Her husband concurred, "Donating gives a foundation for the future. We recognize that many need financial help and an opportunity to continue their education."

Both current and future students will benefit from the Mounces' generosity and appreciate their journey, which has led them back to ICC, where it all began.



Kayla Murphree Black

MEMORIAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP



Kayla Dianne Nichole Murphree Black didn't let "having the deck stacked against her," as her Respiratory Care Technology instructors said, stop her from being her best in spite of life's circumstances.

Program director Adam Denton and clinical director Beth Bowers agreed that Black had a model work ethic and did her best even if her car didn't start or if she slid off the road on her way to classes or clinicals.

And for a 24-year-old mother of two, that is indeed an accomplishment.

That is why her classmates and instructors have established a scholarship for Black, who died on April 24, 2019 in a car accident. "It is important to honor her because 'the deck was stacked against her,' Bowers said. As soon as she was out of class, she was in her scrubs headed to work.

Black was a Certified Nursing Assistant at Pontotoc Health and Rehab. She had earned her Practical Nurse license and was scheduled to graduate from ICC's Respiratory Care program in May that year.

Black's goal, Bowers said, was to make more money for her family and a better life.

Denton agreed with Bowers' assessment. "I've


been here for 15 years, and every year, we have had a student like Kayla. She was a classic nontraditional student, and she worked so hard. We knew some of the struggles she had at home,

financial struggles. Kayla was 24, not 19. Secretly we had a sweet spot for her, and wanted her to succeed."

He said that Black was the most classic example of adult learners in respiratory care. "She is a living, walking example. The first in her family to go to college. Young single mom. Eager to learn. If she didn't do well, she sucked it up, and said 'it's my fault.'"

Bowers said she didn't have to look when her phone dinged or rang between 5 and 5:30 a.m. She knew that it was Kayla. "I've slid off the highway. I've had a flat. My car wouldn't start." But Kayla never complained, Bowers said. "She never said, 'oh, poor is me.'"

Kayla would always ask to leave early for work, Bowers said. "I would give her permission because she was always here. These students have so much against them; they are on a banana peel. What a way to honor someone like her and honor her story with



“Kayla Black had a model work ethic and did her best even if her car didn’t start or if she slid off the road on her way to classes.”

-Adam Denton, ICC RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM DIRECTOR

this scholarship in her memory. It makes you realize why you are here.”

With her work schedule and family, she didn’t have a lot of time to devote to friendships with her classmates. However, two weeks before her accident, Black shared with Nicky Holt that when she made more money, she was going to buy a better car, a memory that her friend remembers with smiles and tears.

But Black’s friends like Holt, respiratory care instructors, hospital therapists and ICC’s health science family are raising funds for this annual scholarship to honor her memory.

Last fall they raised a lot of money from a soup luncheon. Bowers said that two classes made soups and desserts. “A lot of people just walked up and gave money. Some didn’t take the soup. Nursing students gave money, and they didn’t know her, didn’t know us.” Due to COVID-19, the luncheon was scrubbed for this year, but Bowers said it would resume.

Bowers said that the reason that all of the health sciences family were eager to share their resources is that they are “a different breed. We are wired differently. We are going into the medical area. They found out that this person was ‘my age and died.’”

Some of ICC’s sophomore respiratory care students have similar life stories as Kayla Black. One, a mother of four children, lives more than 40 miles away from Tupelo. Tack on more distance for clinicals. She’s up at 3 a.m. and out the door at 4 a.m. As Denton said, many

have similar stories and potential barriers. “We ask them if they struggle to notify someone.” One student lived in a house with a dirt floor. Everyone in that class received \$600 for boards, but that student took the money to buy groceries. “We don’t know their struggles.”

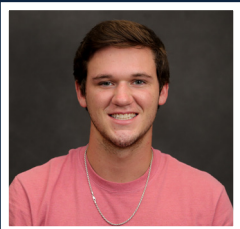
This scholarship is important, Denton noted, especially to students in the health sciences. “\$500 doesn’t seem like a lot of money, but it goes a long way. Healthcare programs are expensive.” In fact, 80 percent of expenditures are up front, and some students don’t have the money for a flu shot, which is required.

The scholarship will assist someone financially with expenses that they have to pay out-of-pocket or even with securing better transportation, such as Black needed. “We watched Kayla work so hard,” Bowers said. “We wanted to alleviate situations with our future students. They are learning a career here.”

“We want to make sure to extend an opportunity that some take for granted in Kayla’s memory,” Denton noted. “She would be tickled to death to know we are helping someone in finishing a degree by honoring her memory. Somebody is going to come out shining a lot better.”

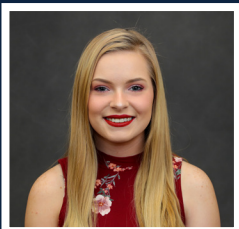
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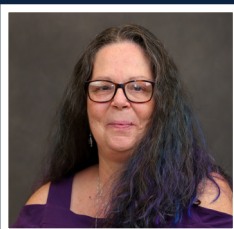
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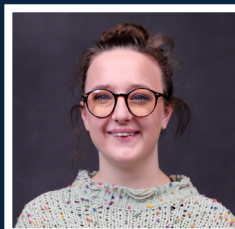
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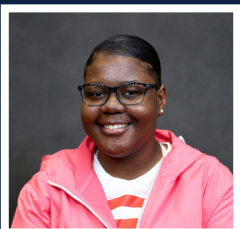
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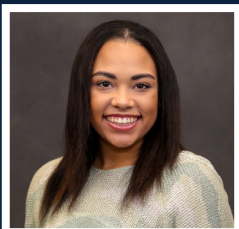
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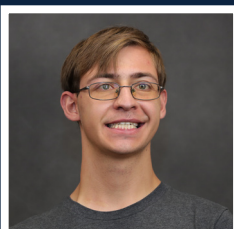
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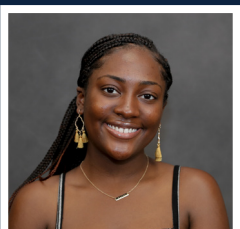
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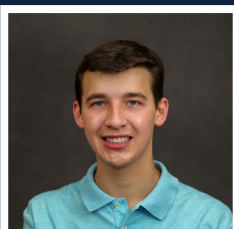
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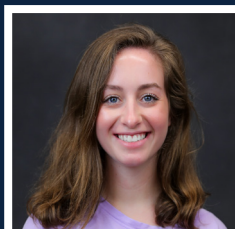
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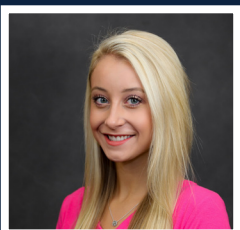
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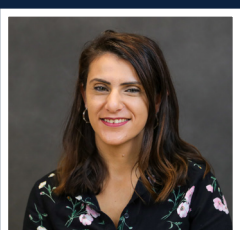
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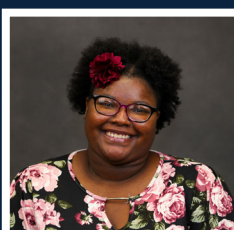
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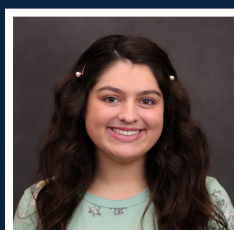
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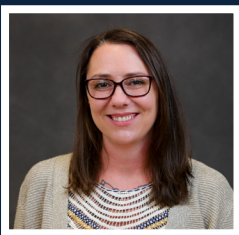
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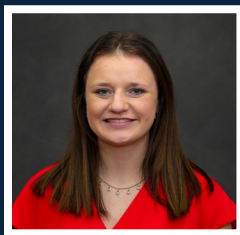
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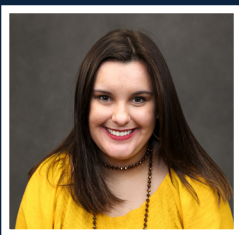
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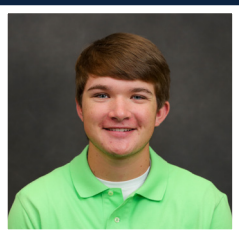
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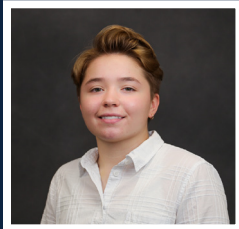
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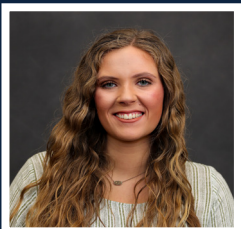
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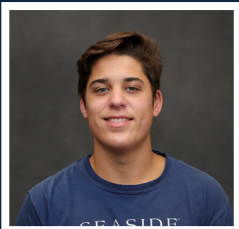
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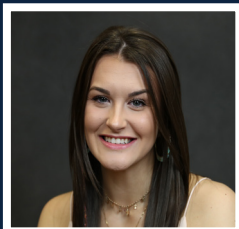
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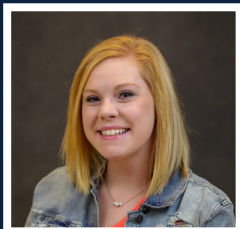
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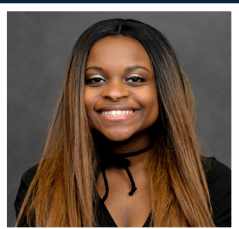
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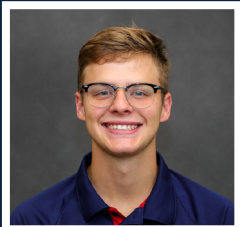
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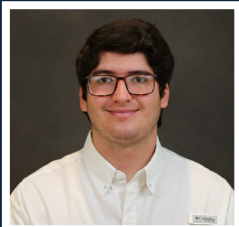
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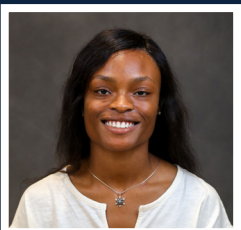
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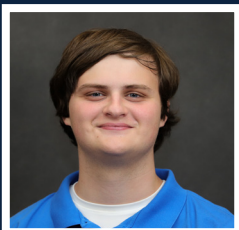
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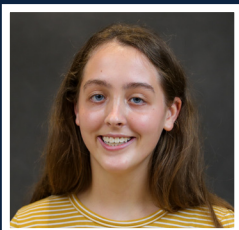
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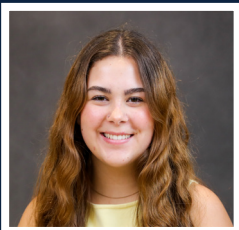
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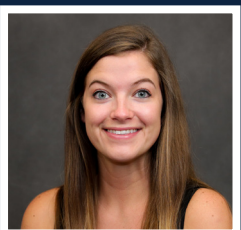
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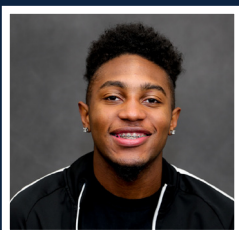
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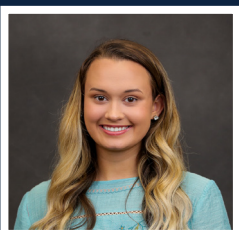
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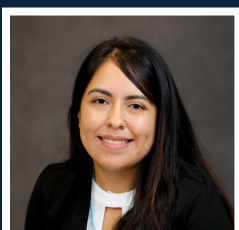
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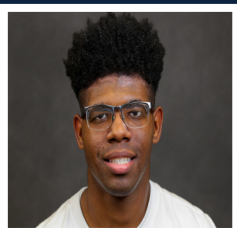


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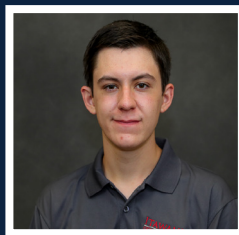
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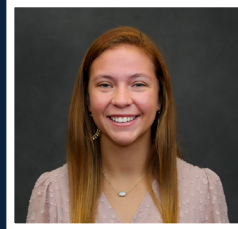
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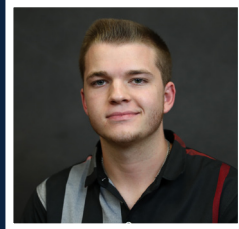
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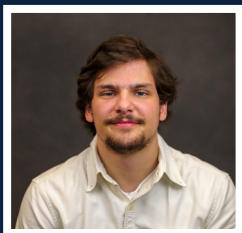
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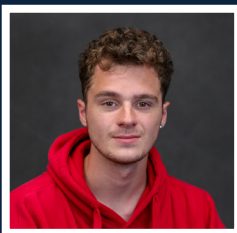


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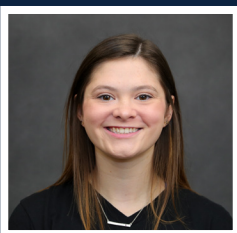


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Join the Alumni Association *Today*

With the rebranding of Itawamba Community College last spring, the Alumni Association has a new look and new benefits, but it is the same great organization.

Benefits for joining the association are expanding, according to Michael Upton, director of Advancement. In the past, members have received the Connection magazine, travel

discounts and free admittance to all ICC athletic events. New opportunities will include free electronic resources and free check-out of books at the libraries at Fulton and Tupelo, friend locator service, notification of College events, discounted membership to the Fitness Center and a 10 percent discount at the bookstores.

From the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Alumni Association President

Chuck Howell

Dear ICC Alumni and Friends,

It has truly been a privilege to serve on the ICC Alumni Association Board for the past 13 years and now as President. On August 31, I retired from the Pontotoc Electric Power Association after 43 years. Although I still have plenty to do, I will have more flexibility to work with ICC's administration and professional staff who have served the Alumni Association very well for so many years. Many thanks, also, to Past President Karen McFerrin for her excellent leadership during the past two years and the Alumni Board members for their dedication and service.

I enjoyed attending the recent residence hall groundbreaking, the new soccer field house dedication and Homecoming. My congratulations to all of this year's honorees!

I'm excited that almost everywhere I travel in our five-county area and beyond, I see people of all ages who proudly wear clothing or caps bearing the ICC logo. This affords me a great opportunity to open a conversation about support for our award-winning institution. One of my goals as president will be the same as in previous years, to try to locate as many ICC alumni as possible and to increase the active Alumni Association membership. Again, thank you for your continued support of ICC.

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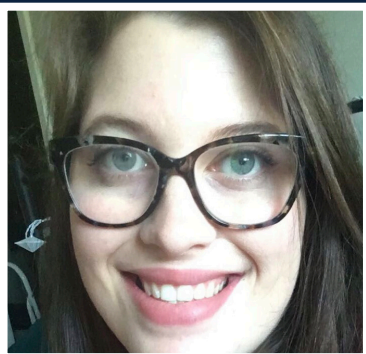
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Thank YOU

We appreciate our alumni who work
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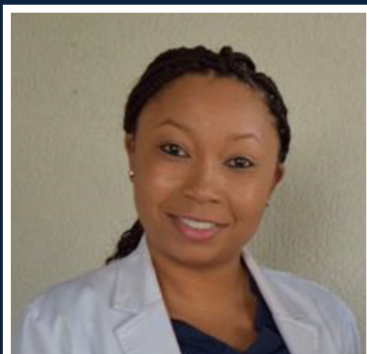


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2020 *Alumnus* OF THE YEAR JIM MOUNCE

An Ecu native, Jim Mounce is a 1964 graduate of IJC, where he was a member of the football and baseball teams, sophomore class president and class favorite, cutest.

His additional degrees include the bachelor's from the University of Mississippi, master's from Bellevue University and the juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

From 1969-85, he practiced law in Tupelo and from 1985-2000,

he was chief operating officer for Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society and president, CEO and chairman of the board for Woodmen Life from 2000 until he retired in 2009.

Currently, he serves on the boards of the ICC Foundation, Inc. and Sanctuary Hospice.

He and his wife, Jennie, have one son, Scott, daughter-in-law Alison and one granddaughter, Piper, residents of Austin, Texas.

Athletic Hall of Fame



TYSON LEE

From 2006-07, Tyson Lee attended ICC, where he was named to the Hall of Fame and Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

He was the first football student-athlete in ICC's history to earn Academic All-American and first-team All-American recognition in the same season. His honors also include Region 23 Most Valuable Player, selected to play in the North-South All-Star Classic and finished his career with 4,432 yards passing, leading ICC to a 14-4 record as a starter.

Lee also had a stellar career at Mississippi State University. Since 2019, he has been lower school principal at Evangelical Christian School in Germantown, Tenn.

He has started a small business, LoveLea Rolls, with his wife, Christa. They are the parents of four children, Zeke, Beck, Ivy and Myla.



ALL OF FAME



KENNETH "KEBO" DAVIS

In 1971 and 1972, Kebo Davis played football at IJC, where he was voted Most Versatile and Sophomore Favorite. He was honorable mention All-State in 1971 and All-State in 1972, the same year he played in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Classic. Davis played offensive halfback and served as punt returner on the 1971 team, which was composed predominantly of freshmen. His leadership contributed to ICC's first winning season in several years and to IJC's tying for the league lead in scoring.

Following his college days, Davis had a successful career in the furniture industry. He retired in 2012. He also served as football, basketball and baseball coach and interim headmaster at Chickasaw Academy.

He and his wife, Debbie, have two children, John Parker Davis and Chip Holloway.



Although COVID-19 restrictions limited activities and the traditional Homecoming crowd, ICC celebrated anyway on Oct. 29.

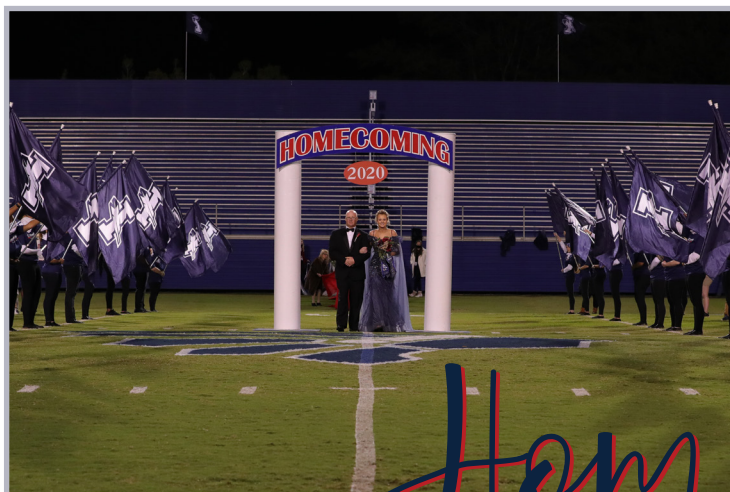
Not only did positive COVID tests within ICC's football opponent, Mississippi Delta, force the postponement of the game, but administrators faced developing both inside and outside plans because of a rain threat.

But, as it turned out, it was a beautiful evening to celebrate ICC's Homecoming Court, Alumnus of the Year and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees at Eaton Field surrounded by ICC's All-American Band.

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen and Alumni Association President Chuck Howell made formal presentations to Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Kebo Davis of Okolona and Tyson Lee of Germantown, Tenn. and the Alumnus of the Year, Jim Mounce of Tupelo. ICC also recognized the posthumous induction of longtime basketball coach Jimmy Guy McDonald, into the 2020 MACCC Hall of Fame, for which the ceremony in April was cancelled.

With all of the fanfare of a normal homecoming, the court introduction preceded the crowning of 2020 Queen Abbey Montgomery of Pontotoc. Instead of students whom members of the court selected in the past, the 2020 court escorts were their fathers a COVID restriction that could result in a new tradition.

Members of the court and their escorts included Fulton Campus Freshman Maids Sydney Elkin of Amory (Ronnie Elkin) and Isabella Graves of Mooreville (Michael Graves); Tupelo Campus Freshman Maids Makenzie Hamilton of Ecu (Mickey Hamilton), Gracie Minich of Nettleton (Shane Minich); Fulton Campus Sophomore Maids Leah Brown of Fulton (Scottie Brown) and Miranda Flippo of Aberdeen (Roger Flippo); and Tupelo Campus Sophomore Maids Reilly Grace Carter of Saltillo (Chris Carter) and Karli Rose Harris of Nettleton (Rickey Harris). Queen Abbey's escort was Tommy Montgomery.







The Indian Club supports Itawamba Community College's athletics. Through its efforts, more than 200 male and female student-athletes have the opportunity not only to represent the Indians in competition, but also to receive an unparalleled education that will develop them into leaders of tomorrow.

Gifts to the Indian Club provide funds to enable our student-athletes to participate in projects above and beyond the current budgets. With reductions in federal and state budgets, the support of the fundraising efforts through alumni, friends and former athletes has become more necessary than ever.

	Annual Dues \$30	Indian Spirit \$100-\$250	Indian Pride \$251-499	Braves \$500- \$999	Chiefs \$1,000- \$2499	Championship \$2,500+
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ICC Polo Shirt					●	
ICC Cap or Visor				●		
Indian Club T-Shirt			●			

*All-Sports passes are good for all home ICC events, excluding playoffs.

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Katie Caroline Blair of Smithville to Branden Michael York of Amory, 6.6.20	Katie Ann Henry of Ecrú to Bailey Drew McBrayer, of Ecrú, 9.19.20	Jennifer Ellen Cooper of Ackerman to Adam Charles Roye of Pontotoc, 9.26.20	Shannon Brooke Burgess of Houlka to Matthew Clark Huffman of Houlka, 9.26.20	Carly Victoria New of Pontotoc to Devin Deontae Stockard of Thaxton, 10.24.20	Hannah Grace Hill of Pontotoc to Tyler Brandan Wilkins of Fulton, 12.12.20	Daniel Coughlin of Jackson to Samantha Bouchillon of Fulton, 12.21.20
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In Memoriam

Joyce E. Ballard, Smithville, 12.9.20
 Alan M. Bank, Tupelo, 5.8.20, ICC Foundation board
 Christeen Hankins Bean, Mantachie, 12.27.20 former instructor
 Dr. Thomas A. Burch, Baton Rouge, La., 10.25.20
 Cody Allen Carnathan, Tupelo, 7.2.20
 Samuel Dwight Carter, Amory, 9.11.20
 James Bruce "Jimmy" Cayson, Tupelo, 8.26.20
 William Scott Cayson, Tupelo, 7.25.20
 Dalton Christian, Okolona, 11.24.20
 Doris Ann Claiborne, Harvest, Ala., 6.14.20
 Sheryl Jean "Jeannie" Cobb, Tupelo, 6.12.20
 Donald "Don" Coker, Tupelo, 11.2.20
 Jimmie Nell Dickerson Allen, Tifton, Ga., 1.2.21
 William Eugene Edwards Jr., Tupelo, 9.24.20
 Tom Irvin "Tom" Evans, Tupelo, 8.3.20
 William Holder "Bill" Farrar, Nettleton, 9.2.20
 James Terry Farris, Mantachie, 10.6.20
 Nancy Evans Fly, Union Community, 10.9.20
 Johnny F. Gann Jr., Amory, 1.6.21
 Sidney Thomas Griffith, Amory, 1.6.21
 member of ICC Board of Trustees/Alumni board
 Dewey Hannon Jr., Amory, 11.25.20
 Peggy Hatchet-James, Shannon, 7.12, 20
 April Lynn Hester, Pontotoc, 7.11.20
 Lee Thomas "Tom" Holloway, Tupelo, 12.30.20
 Robert Stanley Holley, Robbs, 11.6.20
 Jimmy Hussey, Mooreville, 9.25.20
 Alma Jo Wood Rayburn Ingram, Tupelo, 9.13.20,
 former adult basic education director
 Leona Hughes Jackson, Verona, 11.24.20
 Joseph Wayne "Joe" Kilgo, Tupelo, 11.27.20
 David Holiday Knight, Mantachie, 10.21.20
 Bobbie Larkin, Amory, 9.25.20
 Gabriel Locastro, Shannon, 12.4.20
 Charles Edward Long, Amory, 9.7.20
 Dr. James Jeffrey Markham, Amory, 6.9.20
 Neil McCabe, Fayette, Ala., 12.19.20
 Charlie McCarthy, Fulton, 7.23.20
 Thomas Cowen "TC" McDaniel, Tupelo, 8.6.20
 Lynette Hood Miller, Tupelo, 8.11.20, former instructor
 and Health Occupations supervisor

Christy Michelle Lindsey Mitchell, Tupelo, 9.10.20
 Elton "Butch" Montgomery, Memphis, Tenn., 10.25.20
 Rayna Nicole Moore, Pontotoc, 9.11.20
 Stanley D. Moses, Alpharetta, Ga., 6.14.20
 Jo Miller Orr, Tupelo, 11.17.20, former music instructor and
 chairman of the music department
 Dylan Scott Pickle, Amory, 7.26.20
 Teresa Morton Rasmussen, Ecrú, 7.13.20
 Sammy Neal, Amory, 12.31.20
 Michael Lloyd Nerren, Amory, 12.28.20
 Charlotte Overby, Pontotoc, 12.16.20, former instructor
 Shelia Owen, Pontotoc, 12.14.20
 Gloria Ann Pettey, Shannon/Pontotoc, 12.1.20
 Charles Edgar "Buddy" Reed, Ripley, 8.24.20
 Charles William Roye, Pontotoc, 8.4.20
 Lillian Roberts, Guntown, 12.18.20
 Lindsay Diann Roberts Rushing, Tupelo, 8.5.20
 Wreda Jo Rowland, Tupelo, 12.18.20
 Esther Sheffield, Fulton, 10.23.20
 Tomi Rea Dodson Shumpert, Dorsey, 12.14.20
 Betty Jo Stacks, Tupelo, 11.12.20
 Dawn Elizabeth Stephens, Tupelo, 12.1.20
 Linda Ann Fagg Stephens, Tupelo, 11.24.20
 Billie Ruth Stringer, Pontotoc, 11.22.20
 Illa Faye Tartt, Shannon, 12.8.20
 Amber Raye Taylor, Pontotoc, 10.31.20
 James Ray Thornton, Tupelo, 9.20.20, former IJC head
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 Ellis John Tubbs, Hatley, 11.6.20
 Carl Vinson, Tupelo, 9.12.20
 Joel Walton, Mt. Joliet, Tenn., 6.3.20
 James Matthew Welch, Amory, 6.22.20
 Larry Wayne White, Nettleton, 4.30.20
 Eleanor "June" Shelton Whitehead, Memphis, Tenn., 7.9.20
 Charles Murray "Bill" Whitt Jr., Old Union, 11.6.20
 Teddy Cowley Williams, Smithville, 11.20.20
 Margaret Ann Park Wilson, Tupelo, 11.7.20
 Richie Wingo, Pontotoc, 11.30.20
 Jacqueline "Jackie" Annette Witherspoon, Tupelo, 1.5.21
 Rev. Glyn Wiygul, Fulton, 6.30.20

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EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

We are all experiencing a time of great uncertainty. For our students, the COVID-19 pandemic creates significant challenges as they work toward their degrees and a better life. Many of them were already struggling, and now the road ahead is suddenly even more difficult. As they face unexpected additional hardships, the need for assistance with tuition payments, food and housing and technology costs is greater than ever. We are here for our students, today and always – and together we will get through this crisis. A gift to our Student Relief Fund helps us ensure that the urgent needs of our students are met.

ANNUAL GIVING

No matter how much you give and no matter what area you support, every gift makes a difference in the lives of our students. Make giving a habit. Plant seeds to help our college thrive.

ENDOWMENTS

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When you plan a gift to Itawamba Community College as part of your long-term estate and financial goals, you support students and programs far into the future while still ensuring that you care for your loved ones. Planned giving sows the seeds today that will help our institution flourish tomorrow.

CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GIVING

The Itawamba Community College Foundation seeks to establish strategic partnerships with corporations to create mutually beneficial relationships between industry and ICC. Foundations are a driving force behind much of the research and many of the programs that take place on campuses today, and this is an important source of support for Itawamba Community College.



ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michelle Crane Sutton of Pontotoc joins the board representing Pontotoc County. Michelle is a 1991 graduate of ICC with an A.A. degree in Accounting. While a student, she was elected to the Hall of Fame and as Miss ICC, served as SGA president, was a co-editor of the *Mirror* staff and was a member of both the Indian Delegation and Phi Beta Lambda.

Michelle earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Mississippi State University and worked in human resources, advertising and her own business before turning her focus to education. She currently



teaches English III at North Pontotoc High School and English as a second language online. She is married to Brian Sutton, also a graduate of ICC. Her daughter, Caroline, graduated from ICC, and her son, West, is a freshman this year.



Jamie Osbirn of Tupelo joins the board representing Lee County. Jamie is a 1997 graduate of ICC with an A.A.S. degree in Forestry Technology. While a student, he was a member of the cheerleading squad, the Forestry Club and the Student Court.

Jamie completed further degrees at Mississippi State University and several schools of banking. He is currently the President of the Tupelo/Lee County Division of Community Bank.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Criteria to be considered in submitting nominations include

- Attended ICC/IJC and must have successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time student five years prior to the current school year.
 - Exhibited merit and achievement, which have brought fame and honor to either his/her community or the College.
- Nominations can be made by any member of the Itawamba Community College faculty and staff and by any alumnus of the College.

NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED: _____ DATES ATTENDED: _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

LIST NOMINEE'S ACTIVITIES AT ICC: _____

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Criteria to be considered in submitting nominations include

- The recipient shall have been out of school at least 10 years.
 - Accomplishments after graduation considered.
 - Support of ICC after graduation may be a factor.
 - No more than two individuals shall be inducted each year.
 - Inductees must be able to attend induction ceremonies. If deceased, a member of the family must attend.
- If individuals selected cannot attend, they shall be honored the following year.

NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED: _____ DATES ATTENDED: _____

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LIST NOMINEE'S SPORTS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT: _____

The deadline for receiving nominations will be August 1 each year. Nominations should be made using this form and mailed to ICC Alumni, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843 or submit the information via email to alumni@iccms.edu.



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